



Please note: The media newsletter has been renamed Court News Michigan.

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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

Detroit Free Press: Michigan Supreme Court takes right-to-work, state employee pension cases

"The Michigan Supreme Court will rule on whether state employees are covered by the right-to-work law passed late in 2012, the court said today."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

Detroit News: Michigan Supreme Court to decide if state employees covered by right-to-work law

[Full story](#)

Mlive: Michigan Supreme Court to hear challenge to right-to-work, pension changes for state employees

[Full story](#)

Note: Articles were also published in Crain's Detroit Business, WDIV, Times Herald, and other media outlets

Detroit Free Press: Raulie Casteel convicted of terrorism in I-96 shooting spree

"A jury has convicted a man of terrorism and other charges for shooting at vehicles along a southeast Michigan highway corridor in a series of attacks that terrified the region in late 2012. Raulie Casteel faces up to life in prison after the jury's verdict Wednesday in Livingston County Circuit Court in Howell."

[Full story](#)

Also see:

WXYZ: Casteel convicted of terrorism for shooting at vehicles in terrifying spate of attacks

[Full story](#)

Detroit News: Don't rush into juvenile parole reform in Mich.

"When criminal law goes wrong, very often the mistakes are rooted in haste. In 1986, for example, Congress rushed out new sentencing laws mandating harsh sentences for crack without full deliberation — laws that produced an inefficient, expensive non-solution to a very real problem."

[Full story](#)

Macomb County Legal News: New procedures implemented at Probate Court

"The president of the Macomb County Probate Bar Association is applauding new procedures instituted at Probate Court this month as well as another procedural change scheduled to take effect next Monday."

[Full story](#)

MLive: "This will not be tolerated in Saginaw" says judge while sentencing man to life in firebombing, shooting

"A Saginaw judge had strong words Wednesday, Jan. 29, for a man facing sentencing for his role in the firebombing and shooting of an occupied house. "In my 42 years of doing this work, this is one of the most premeditated, violent acts I've ever seen people carry out," Saginaw County Circuit Judge Fred Borchard told JeMarcus J. Watkins."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Cathy Odney, register of Bay County Probate Court, retires after 40 years

"After 40 years of service, a Bay County employee has stepped down from her position at the local courthouse to enjoy her retirement.....Across her four decades in the job, Odney worked with three Probate Court judges — Clare Carter, Paul Doner and the currently serving Karen A. Tighe."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Work to start on single, secure public entrance to Van Buren County courthouse and annex

"There soon will be only one public but secure entrance to the **Van Buren County** courthouse."

[Full story](#)

MLive: 'Mastermind' of bungled 2011 kidnapping of 60-year-old woman gets shot at new sentence

"The man described as the mastermind of a scheme to kidnap his ex-mother-in-law and hold her for ransom is in the first couple years of a sentence that will keep behind bars for another 28 to 88 years. But this week, the Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the Kent County Circuit Court erred when sentencing and has demanded Judge Mark Trusock recalculate the sentence he handed two years ago to Regan Adam Reynolds."

[Full story](#)

MLive: Hearing postponed after witness in Demarius Reed homicide case invokes Fifth Amendment rights

"The final witness in the case against two Detroit men accused of killing Eastern Michigan University football player Demarius Reed invoked Fifth Amendment rights and did not testify at the continuation of the preliminary examination Wednesday."

[Full story](#)

MLW Blog: Former justice gets national mentoring award

"Maura D. Corrigan, director of the Michigan Department of Human Services and former Michigan Supreme Court justice, has received a national award for her dedication to mentoring youth."

[Full story](#)

MLW Blog: Supreme court amends court rules, seeks comment on proposed changes

"The Michigan Supreme Court has issued amendments to several court rules, is proposing amendments to several others, and has amended an administrative order that spells out the procedures county-funded courts can use to pursue funding disputes."

[Full story](#)

Oakland County Legal News: Judges participate in mock congressional hearings at Berkshire Middle School

"Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Michael Warren participated in congressional hearings on January 14 at Berkshire Middle School in Birmingham with retired Oakland County Circuit Court Judges Edward Sosnick and Fred Mester, and Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Elizabeth Gleicher."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Strolling Soiree

"The Lawyer's Oath is a tough but worthy goal, Supreme Court Justice Bridget McCormack told attorneys last week at a strolling reception sponsored by the Washtenaw County Bar Association and Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Washtenaw Region."

[Full story](#)

Washtenaw County Legal News: Van den Bergh announces candidacy for probate judge

"Tracy Van den Bergh, attorney at Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM), recently announced her candidacy for Washtenaw County Probate Judge."

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